

## Humorous Department

**A Stock Argument.**—You go and buy some steers to feed and ship them home that night. To every pound of meat they have five pounds of appetite. And hay is scarce and corn is high, but still you try the game. And Tom and Dick and Bill and John, they go and do the same.

You feed and feed and feed and feed, and by and by. You've got them fat, and then you wait until the market's high. And then you ship them to the yards with profit for your aim. And Tom and Dick and Bill and John, they go and do the same.

And so the yards are packed with steers and prices fall and break. And shortly, what you think you'll get turns into what you'll take. And so you hold your shrunken cheek and on it sign your name. And Tom and Dick and Bill and John, they go and do the same.

And home again, the paper says: "In detail shops today. Prime beef went up another cent." Then to yourself you say: "I'll buy some feeders while they're cheap." But prices—they're a shame!

And Tom and Dick and Bill and John, they go and do the same. But still you buy some steers to feed and ship them home that night. To every pound of meat they have five pounds of appetite.

And hay is scarce and corn is high; you wonder who's to blame. And Tom and Dick and Bill and John, they go and do the same.—Charles C. Jones.

**The First Chance.**—When taciturn, slow-speaking Tom Hixby lost his wife in 1915, he went to live with his son, Jim, whose wife talked at the rate of 30 words a minute practically all the time she was awake. After a few attempts Tom quit trying to say anything. There never was an opening in the conversation wide enough to get in a word.

In 1916 Mrs. Jim went away for a visit. "Pa," chuckled Jim, upon his return from the station, "what was it you started to say last spring?"—Washington Post.

**Right Badly Shot.**—The old soldier was telling of his thrilling adventures on the field of battle to a party of young fellows, one or two of whom were skeptical as to his veracity. "Then," he said, "the surgeons took me up and laid me in the ammunition wagon, and—"

"Look here," interrupted one of the doubtful listeners, "you don't mean the ammunition wagon; you mean the ambulance wagon." But the old man shook his head.

"No," he insisted, "I was so full of bullets that they decided I ought to go in the ammunition wagon."—New York World.

**Some Bird.**—"Now, children," said the new mother, "if your lesson this morning I want each one of you to write a little composition about something you have at home. You may choose anything you please."

Little James went busily to work, and at the end of the hour handed in his composition with an air of proud satisfaction. A Chicken. A chicken is a very large bird. It can't fly because it has so many feathers. It has three toes pointing to the east and one to the west. It has a point on its face which it eats with. Progressive Farmer.

**Expert Opinion.**—A young married couple to take a home in the suburbs, where they might have a garden. Shortly after the establishment of their new abode, the husband said to his wife: "My dear, I am sure our garden is going to be a great success."

"So soon?" "Yes," the chickens have tasted everything, and they are most enthusiastic."—Farm Journal.

**A Find.**—Willie, a city-bred boy, had been visiting an uncle's place on Long Island. "See what I've got!" he exclaimed one day as he came running in from a chicken coop, holding in his hand a china egg.

"Oh, put it back right away!" rejoined his little sister. "That's the egg the hen measures by!"—Country Gentleman.

**No Time Saver Here.**—"I have here," began the agent, "a utensil that no housewife can afford to be without—a combination corkscrew, can opener, pocketknife!"

"Hold on!" commanded the woman at the door. "Don't talk up them things in here. By keeping 'em separate it is impossible for my husband to lose more than one of 'em at a time!"—Judge.

**Wartime Injustice.**—"Dose high prices is workin' a heap of injustice," remarked Moses Pinksy. "In what way?" "Poultry an' eggs is gettin' so precious that if you happens to give shelter to some homeless pullet dey's liable to charge you wif grand larceny!"—Jack-o'-Lantern.

**He'd Be There.**—A neighbor's boy was on the street sauntering along about supertime with a bundle under his arm. "You'll be late to supper," was suggested, kindly. "Oh, no I don't," the boy replied. "I have the meat!"—Judge.

## BAKER TELLS OF PROGRESS

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Baker said that men's minds differed about the type of guns to be used and about the quantity. He then discussed the decision to adopt the so-called "British" type of rifle. The rifle was reached late one night in his office at a conference attended by General Pershing, General Scott, chief of staff, and General Crozier, chief of ordnance, and General Kuhn, head of the war college, and several other staff officers. The decision was reached late in May or early in June.

**Best Military Rifles.** The American Springfield rifle, Secretary Baker said, "was admittedly the best military rifle developed in the world when this decision was reached. There were in stock about 600,000 of them."

It was not then known, Secretary Baker continued, whether American troops would fight beside the British or the French. The British used the "Enfield" rifle, and the French a rim cartridge gun of another caliber.

The British government had been prepared to re-arm the entire British army with the Enfield when the war broke out in 1914. The excellence of the Enfield rifle was well known that the British decided to re-model their guns but the suddenness of the war prevented this.

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## GENERAL NEWS NOTES

**Record of Current Happenings Collected From Various Sources.** Marthon, a famous stallion, has been sold to Capt. J. K. Ross, a Canadian race horse breeder, for \$30,000.

In an address at Camp Meade, on Monday, Former President Taft, said that the United States would not submit to any peace except of victory.

A fire of mysterious origin destroyed the plant of the Syracuse, N. Y. Rendering company, Monday. The loss was \$100,000.

Lieutenant Commander Parsons, U. S. N., committed suicide in his office at Norfolk, Va., Monday. His health is supposed to have been the cause.

A German express train running between Berlin and Munich, Saturday, caught fire as the result of the explosion of a bottle of benzene. Ten persons were killed and fifty injured.

Ed Allen, a deputy sheriff, is on trial at Denver, Colo., charged with the murder of Mrs. Margaret Manning, a wealthy divorcee.

There are 300 women working as conductors on the street and subway cars in New York city. The managers of the roads say that the women are making good in every particular.

Three persons were killed, a woman fatally injured and fifty or more others injured when the Omaha Flyer of the Illinois Central jumped the track at Greengrass, Ill., Monday afternoon.

By a vote of 72 to 17 the lower house of the New York legislature has requested congress from that state to vote for the constitutional amendment to make woman suffrage nation wide.

A seven reel picture showing how national army men are turned into soldiers was shown before the house and senate Wednesday afternoon. The films are soon to be released for exhibition throughout the country.

American flyers last Thursday night made a bomb raid on Mannheim, and from reports being received, it is evident that considerable damage was done. The raid is said to have been followed by big demonstrations of crowds crying: "Down with the war; give us peace."

The Washington food administration on Monday night sent out warnings to meat packers and dealers throughout the country not to advance the price of meats any further at this time. Loss of license to do business will follow disregard of the notice.

Evans and Thomas Davis, farmers, bachelor brothers, were murdered in their home in Mercer county, Pa., Sunday. The men were well to do and were known to have considerable money in their home. The place was ransacked, evidently in the search for money. No arrests have been made.

Dr. Maurice Egan, U. S. minister to Denmark, in an address at Norfolk, Va., said that the world faces starvation if the war continues two years more. He said that food was so scarce in Denmark that people are eating the famous Danish wolfhounds. He also warned the people to be on the watch-out for German espionage, and said that every citizen should awake to the danger.

**"GARABED."** Inventor Will Son Give Demonstration of His Claim of New Force. Two months will tell the story in full. In two months the world will know whether or not the day Garabed T. K. Giragossian was born in an Armenian village is a day to be forever commemorated or whether the day that congress expressed its faith in the man by passing the extraordinary "Garabed" resolution was an off day on Capitol Hill.

If what Mr. Giragossian says is true, all the discoveries and inventions of the ages are as nothing in value to mankind as what is accomplished by the machine he called the "Garabed."

To be concise, the "Garabed," according to its inventor, is capable of producing and concentrating boundless force with the expenditure of no energy whatever, save the wear and tear upon the machine. Coal is relegated to the realm of uselessness and human labor is to become to a large extent unnecessary.

The force which will be concentrated and driven by the "Garabed," says its discoverer, is greater than any force now known, and, for that reason, is irresistible by any force now employed. Therefore, he asserts, this war can be won by the United States in a short time by the use of this as yet unrevealed force to crush the forces employed by the enemy.

"For instance," to quote him, "100 airplanes of tremendous size and proportions, capable of developing 10,000 or 20,000 or even 30,000 horsepower, and able to remain in flight indefinitely to carry vast cargoes, could easily defeat Germany in a short time."

In a recent interview Giragossian said: "It is a self-evident fact that motive power or energy, the prime necessity of life and progress, is a source of wealth, comfort and happiness. The ever-growing demand for energy has attracted the profound attention of thinkers, both of ancient and modern times, and this truly seductive problem has baffled numberless masterful minds. But with the onward march of science and the ever-increasing acquaintance with the hitherto unknown laws of nature and the mysteries of the universe we become more qualified to make incredible discoveries and inventions."

"A historical change will take place when we produce energy by the Garabed, the power of which is unlimited, inexhaustible and inexpensive, except for the usual trifling expense of wear and tear of machinery. When it is said that the power of the Garabed is not implied that power is to be produced from nothing. It is not the so-called perpetual motion, nor is it spontaneous movement."

And is very much lighter than the steam engine, with its numerous appliances. It is portable and can be placed and put into operation wherever there exists a spark of human life. Consequently, the steam engine will become obsolete. The future generation will see it only in museum curiosity halls.

The Garabed, being free from boiler and furnaces, there will be no more explosions, no more victims, no more smoke, no more danger and no more smokers to produce energy. "In an area not larger than Boston Common (forty-eight acres) sufficient power can be produced under the new system to supply the wants of the whole industrial world."

Said to Work Everywhere. "Temperature, place and time will have no effect on the action of the Garabed. It can work with equal advantage in the Arctic or the 'Tropic Zone'; it can work on high mountain tops with the same regularity and order as in a dense forest, it will work without human assistance, automatically, ceaselessly, by day and by night."

"Housekeepers in their cellars or inhabitants of a district in a center can jointly assign a place for the Garabed and use luxuriously free energy for domestic purposes. It will also afford excellent facilities for pumping water from natural wells, rivers and seas, thus increasing the value of artificial ponds and for bushing the streets of cities."

"The fire and lights of cities and farms, as well as the whole civilized world, will be supplied by electricity through free energy. Coal stoves, oil heaters, furnaces and fireplaces, gas pipes, lamps and chandeliers will forever be expelled from houses. Smoke and ashes will disappear from rooms and chimneys will vanish from households."

"The enormous quantity of material which we are today destroying by burning will serve more or less to benefit humanity, and it is more probable that petroleum will supply the soap of the entire world."

"Free energy will put cities, countries and farms on an equal level of civilization, destroying utterly the formidable wall which stands between them, as it will be of great service in communication and relieving home industries by eliminating the expense for motive power in travel and transportation."

Mrs. Ellen A. O'Grady, a widow, has been appointed fifth deputy police commissioner of New York city, with a salary of \$6,000 a year.

Alterations are being made which will double the seating capacity of the navy academy at Annapolis.

**EAT AT JOHNS'** When you are in town and want to eat, just remember JOHN'S PLACE. I can furnish you with just what you want and cooked the way you want it, and you'll find that my prices are just as reasonable as can be made under existing conditions. Yes, I'll be glad to have you eat with me at any time.

**Carload of Furniture** It has been on the road for some time, but our Car of FURNITURE did arrive last week, and I am now showing many new things in House Furnishings, including—

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## TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL persons indebted to the estate of D. J. SMITH, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned at once. Persons having claims against said estate are advised to present the same to me, duly authenticated, within the time prescribed by law. J. T. SMITH, Administrator. Jan. 18-4 f 3t

**Half Your Living Without Money Cost** We are all at a danger point. On the use of good common sense in our 1918 farm and garden operations depends prosperity or our "going broke."

Even at present high prices no one can plant all or nearly all cotton, buy food and grain at present prices from supply merchant on credit and make money. Food and grain is higher in proportion than are present cotton prices.

It's a time above all others to play safe; to produce all possible food, grain and forage supplies on your own acre; to cut down the store bill.

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